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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: CONSUMER COOPERATION

REF: A. PARIS 5810

B. PARIS 6532

1. ON MAY 14 FUNKHOUSER AND EMBOFF MET WITH MFA  
PETROLEUM OFFICER WHO OUTLINED FRENCH OIL POLICY AS IT  
EFFECTED CONSUMER COOPERATION. OFFICIAL STRESSED HOPES  
THAT AT LEAST GENERAL ORIENTATION ON A EUROPEAN ENERGY  
POLICY WILL COME OUT OF EC MINISTERIAL MEETING AT BRUSSELS  
ON MAY 22 WHICH WOULD ENHANCE POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS  
ON CONSUMER COUNTRY COOPERATION AT JUNE OECD OIL COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS. ( HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT BRITISH DID NOT BELIEVE  
PROGRESS ON EC POLICY NECESSARY FOR CONSUMER COOPERATION.)  
HE ALSO STATED THAT COOPERATION ON " LONG TERM" R & D AND  
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CRISIS SITUATIONS PRESENT GOF NO PROBLEMS IN PRINCIPLE.

2. OFFICIAL MADE INTERESTING POINTS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSUMERS " VIS A VIS PRODUCING COUNTRIES." HE NOTED THAT BRITISH WERE PROPOSING A TREATY BETWEEN CONSUMING GOVERNMENTS AND SAID THE GOF NOT AT ALL KEEN ON THIS IDEA. GOF AGREED COOPERATION NEEDED TO PREVENT BIDDING UP OF OIL PRICES BUT DID NOT WANT A FORMAL AGREEMENT. OFFICIAL ALSO ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO EC COMMISSION AND ITALIAN IDEA OF ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE EC AND ARAB GOVERNMENTS COVERING AID, TRADE, TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AS WELL AS OIL. HE SAID THE FRENCH OPPOSED THIS IDEA ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD DISPLACE THE OIL COMPANIES AND SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF THEIR DECLINE. ( COMMENT: AS REPORTED EARLIER GOF PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON POLICIES DESIGNED TO PROTECT OIL COMPANIES, INCLUDING NON- FRENCH COMPANIES.) HE ADDED THAT GOF ALSO THOUGHT PACKAGE AGREEMENT WOULD REQUIRE A EUROPEAN POLITICAL POSTURE MORE FAVORABLE TO THE ARABS THAN SOME OF THE MEMBER STATES WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT.

3. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT GOF WAS CONCERNED ABOUT BI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS AND WERE PLEASED WE HAD NOT ACCEPTED YAMANI OFFER OF SPECIAL U. S. SAUDI DEAL AND HOPED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SAME POLICY. HE STATED THAT IF WE DO GO DOWN BI- LATERAL ROAD JAPAN, GERMANY AND ITALY LIKELY TO FOLLOW AND EVERYONE ELSE WOULD BE FORCED TO ESTABLISH SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS. IRWIN

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